2018 ANNUAL MEETING RESULTS

Bering Straits Native Corporation (BSNC) held its 2018 Annual Meeting of Shareholders on Saturday, Oct. 6 in Anchorage, Alaska. The sole resolution to establish the BSNC Beringia Settlement Trust was approved by shareholders with 93 percent voting in favor. The BSNC Board of Directors has authorized a $12 million transfer into the Settlement Trust. Future dividends, including the December Elder and regular dividend, will be distributed through the Trust on a tax-free basis.

Shareholders voted on the election of five board directors. Incumbents Elia A. Anagick, Jason Evans, Stephan (Steve) P Ivanoff and Lee M. Ryan were reelected and Edna (Becka) Baker was newly elected to the Board. Directors serve three-year terms. BSNC thanks outgoing Director Neal Foster, who chose not to run for reelection, for his longstanding service to the Corporation as a board member.

BSNC is pleased to announce the results of its 2018 Election of Board Officers:

- **Chairman**
  - Henry Ivanoff Sr.
- **Secretary**
  - Roy Ashenfelter
- **Assistant Treasurer**
  - Steve P Ivanoff

Vice Chairman
- Lee Ryan
Treasurer
- Tim Towarak
President & CEO
- Gail R. Schubert
Assistant Secretary
- Eugene Asicksik

BSNC DECLARES RECORD-HIGH REGULAR DIVIDEND

The BSNC Board of Directors has approved a record-high dividend of $5.00 per share to be issued in December, an increase of $1.25 per share over the 2017 shareholder dividend. The average BSNC shareholder who owns 100 shares of stock will receive $500. The total 2018 distribution to BSNC's shareholders of record will be approximately $3.2 million. Since 1972, BSNC has distributed $20.3 million in regular dividends.

There are many benefits that come with being a BSNC shareholder or descendant, including eligibility to receive scholarships from the Bering Straits Foundation, and hire preference for qualified shareholders, descendants and shareholder spouses. In addition to these benefits, BSNC provides Shareholder Bereavement Assistance in the amount of $1,500 to help defray the cost of funeral expenses for an original BSNC shareholder, a lineal descendant of an original BSNC shareholder, or the spouse of a living original BSNC shareholder.

"Your Board of Directors and Executive Team have worked hard to lay a solid foundation for long-term performance," said BSNC Board Chairman Henry Ivanoff. "It makes me proud to see BSNC shareholders benefit from BSNC’s continued growth."

BSNC APPROVES RECORD-HIGH ELDER DIVIDEND

The BSNC Board of Directors voted to approve a 2018 special Elder dividend distribution of $1,000, an increase of $250 over the 2017 special Elder dividend. This special distribution was paid to original BSNC shareholders who are 65 years of age or older on Nov. 5, 2018, the date of record. Since 1972, BSNC has distributed a total of $2.8 million in Elder dividends.

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I hope that everyone has had a wonderful summer and autumn filled with quality time spent outdoors with your loved ones. Winter’s return brings longer nights and much cooler weather. I hope that everyone stays safe while out in the country engaging in our subsistence activities.

BSNC recently held its Annual Meeting of Shareholders in Anchorage. I am pleased to welcome Edna (Becka) Baker to the BSNC Board of Directors. Becka is a resident of home, and is the daughter of Valerie Sobocinski and her late husband Stanley. She joins BSNC’s Board with more than 30 years of experience as a public servant employed by the State of Alaska.

I also want thanking Director Neal Foster for his service to the corporation as a Board member since 2006. Neal is a member of the Alaska House of Representatives, and opted not to run for reelection this year in order to focus more on serving his constituents in the 39th District, which represents more than 20 villages in the Bering Strait and Yukon/Kuskokwim regions.

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HISTORICAL SPOTLIGHT: 1918 MARKS 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF FLU PANDEMIC

This October marked the 100-year anniversary of the 1918 pandemic of influenza, which swept the globe as World War I drew to a close. Worldwide, at least 2 billion people would contract the virus and 20 million people would succumb as the epidemic ran its course. For indigenous groups with little or no previous contact with western disease, the death toll would far exceed the averages documented for urban areas in the United States. Alaska, though remote, would see the death of many Alaska Native residents, with some local populations being devastated in a matter of weeks.

Along the shores of Norton Sound and on the Seward Peninsula, the fall of 1918 had been long but unusually cold, with snow coming late and in meager amounts. The late Willie Senungetuk said, “They knew something’s not right that fall. They were warned.” With winter closing in, the last ship of the season docked at Nome on Oct. 20, 1918. Aboard the Victoria were passengers from Seattle and mail which was to be distributed to the surrounding villages and gold camps via dogteam (Nome Nugget, Oct. 21, 1918). Mail was dispersed 12 hours following the ship’s arrival after it had been thoroughly fumigated to outlying communities.

For name changes, BSNC requires that you attach a legal document with your new name, such as a copy of a court record, valid government ID, marriage certificate or divorce decree.

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Taken up the coast by mail carriers, hunters, and residents travelling between villages, the flu virus spread quickly and with deadly efficiency. Villages and small camps were all infected, except for those that had sufficient warning to establish and maintain quarantines. Elders interviewed in the 1980s, who had survived the flu, remembered how the sickness spread in their own communities. Mr. Senungetuk recounted how the sickness took its toll on his family: “I remember my grandfather died first … and my mother, my father were too weak to drag him out … and they want to move to the next door … hut … that house was cold … then they didn’t last.” Quarantines were established at some communities. Shishmaref posted armed guards on the trails leading into the village, thereby halting the spread of the epidemic from travelling up the coast. At Mary’s Igloo, the quarantine was breached. The leaders then imposed a quarantine on half of the village, while the half that had contact with the epidemic’s carriers lost many to the sickness.

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SHAREHOLDER NAME AND ADDRESS CHANGE FORM

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Print name: ____________________________

New mailing address: __________________________________________________________

City: ____________________________ State: ___________ ZIP: __________________

Social security number: ____________________________ Date of birth: __________________

Contact phone number: ____________________________

Email address: ____________________________ (If applicable)

I am also a custodian for: ____________________________

Signature: ____________________________ Date: __________________

This instrument shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Alaska.

BERING STRAITS NATIVE CORPORATION
ALASKA NATIVE CLAIMS SETTLEMENT ACT OF 1971

I, __________________________________________________________, having attained the age of eighteen (18) years and being of sound mind, and solely for the purposes of AS 13.16.705(b) and ANCSA of 1971, Sec. 7(h)(2), freely and voluntarily execute this will and hereby devise and bequeath my shares of stock in Bering Straits Native Corporation and ________________________________________ village corporation to:

Name of village

Name | Current Address | % of Shares |
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This Will revokes any bequest of the stock, described above, in any previously existing will or codicil. If I now own more shares than I have bequeathed above, I direct that the remaining shares shall be split pro rata among the persons named above. BSNC recommends that all existing fractional shares of stock be given to one person, and that existing whole shares be given as whole shares and not split into fractional shares.

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Dated at _______________________________, ______, ______, 20________, City ____________________________ State ____________________________

Signature of Testator ____________________________

I, being first sworn, declare that the testator signs and executes this instrument as his/her last will and that he/she signs it willingly; and I sign this will as witness of the testator’s signing, and that to the best of my knowledge the testator is 18 years or older, of sound mind, and under no constraint or undue influence.

State of: ____________________________

County of: ____________________________(or ______________________ Judicial District)

Subscribed, sworn to and acknowledged before me by ____________________________

Notary Public or Postmaster ____________________________

In and for the State of ____________________________

BERING STRAITS NATIVE CORPORATION
Spreading rapidly across the region, there was little time to send aid or relief to the outlying communities. When teams were finally dispatched from Nome, little could be done except bury the victims and gather the orphans. Pilgrim Hot Springs had just become the focus of the Jesuit missionaries in the region in 1917. Because of the epidemic, and the large number of orphans, Father Fortune quickly established the springs as an orphanage to accommodate the children whose families had perished.

As the epidemic raged, Father Fortune wrote:

"I struck Nome at the beginning of the epidemic called the Spanish influenza. The Natives were simply mowed down... On the 27th we met Mr. Reese (at Mary's Igloo) and made up our minds to take as many families as possible to the Springs (Nov. 28, 1918)... Thirteen new patients come to our impoverished hospital. Atajok receives the last rites of the Church. Her condition is precarious; she is not expected to live long. Mosquito Kiktarakulek is improving. Stanislaus Anayok is very weak. Koyaqluk died in his parent's igloo near our landing (November 29, 2018)... Sunday in Advent. Death continues its ravages. Tullik passes away at about 7 pm. Ublureok receives the last Sacraments. He is not expected to live long. His mother will die soon of old age rather than of sickness. Mr. Cary passes the day cooking not only for today but for nearly the whole week (Dec. 1, 2018)."

The death toll in the interior community of Mary's Igloo, and along the Agiapuk and American Rivers, was significant. The orphanage established for nearly the whole week (Dec. 1, 2018)."

The numbers are stark but this is not the total mortality for the region. At some locations, no numbers were recorded and smaller sites, such as herders' camps, are not included in these tallies.

By the end of January 1919, just three months after the arrival of the epidemic on the shores of the Seward Peninsula, somewhere between 30% and 40% of the area's total population had died. The Spanish influenza was selective in that it seems to have killed mostly healthy adults in the prime of their lives and adolescents, as well as the elderly, leaving young children to be adopted—if they had any remaining community or family members—or to be placed in the care of the orphanages. The tremendous impact of the epidemic on our communities is almost unimaginable.

On this 100th anniversary of the 1918 Flu Epidemic, BSNC honors and remembers those who managed, with resilience and strength, to persevere and maintain our communities and traditions to this day through this incredibly difficult time.

The following is a listing of the number of people that were documented to have died during this epidemic:

- Nome (Sandspit Village): 175
- Penny River to Cape Wooley: 74
- Teller/Brevig/Point Spencer/Jackson Point: 72
- Wales: 200
- St. Michael: 150
- American R./Agiapuk R./Mary’s Igloo: 98
- Cape Nome/Solomon/Rocky Point/Golovin: 118

Captain Piscoya has flown 737’s to many locations in the continental U.S., Canada, Mexico and Hawaii, but says the most challenging, fun and rewarding flying is when he is flying family and friends across the State of Alaska. Once in a while, he’ll fly an Elder to Nome, Kotzebue or Utqiagvik where there is often a smile, handshake and a little hint of pride in their eyes for being flown by an Alaska Native.

Captain Piscoya is eternally grateful to Boyuk and Eva Ryan for taking a chance on him when he was so young in years and experience. He would like to encourage any young students who are interested in flying to keep working toward their goal, and his success proves that capturing a jet for one of the largest airline companies in the U.S. is possible.
SHAREHOLDER KAYLENE EVANS CROWNED MISS WEIO

BSNC congratulates shareholder Kaylene Iñuuraq Evans of Nome, the newly-crowned 2018 Miss World Eskimo Indian Olympics. Kaylene is the daughter of BSNC Director Bobby Evans and Kathleen Jaycox.

“I would like to extend my deep appreciation for the role BSNC plays in our communities,” said Evans. “I graduated from Nome-Beltz High School and was very fortunate to receive a Bering Straits Foundation scholarship. The generous financial support was instrumental in my pursuit for my Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and Ethnic Studies, and again as I begin my Masters in Indigenous Politics.”

The Miss WEIO pageant promotes culture, social games, skills, dances and traditions of Alaska, Greenland, Siberian, and Canadian Inuit, Alaskan Indians, Aleuts and Native Americans. The competition includes a talent presentation, a personal interview with the judges, an impromptu speech, and Native regalia.

“For my talent portion I talked about my journey of wellness, which is grounded in the tradition that you carry on the spirit of your namesake. I spoke about my grandmother, Myrtle Wells of Kiana, who is also named Iñuuraq, and I sang a song she taught my mother, who taught me,” she said. “The song, in Inupiaq, is ‘Praying For You.’”

Evans recently graduated with a dual bachelor’s degree in political science and ethnic studies from the University of Hawaii Manoa. This fall she will return to Hawaii to begin a master’s program in indigenous politics. Next April, Kaylene will compete in the Miss Indian World Pageant in Arizona. We wish her much success in her future.

SHAREHOLDER SPOTLIGHT: DR. HEIDI AKLASEAQ SENUNGETUK

Dr. Heidi Aklaseaq Senungetuk earned a doctoral degree in ethnomusicology in 2017 at Wesleyan University, where she focused on Inupiaq music and dance. Following the completion of her doctorate, Dr. Senungetuk served McGill University as its first postdoctoral researcher in Indigenous Studies. She earned two degrees in violin performance at the Oberlin Conservatory of Music and the University of Michigan School of Music, before holding positions as a violinist with the Louisiana Philharmonic, the Tulsa Philharmonic, the Breckenridge Music Festival in Colorado and the Anchorage Symphony Orchestra.

Currently, Dr. Senungetuk is the University of Alaska Anchorage’s first postdoctoral fellow in Alaska Native Studies. Her inspiration to study ethnomusicology stems from a commitment to create representations of indigenous art forms in the university academic setting. Her main goals as a professor include building mentorship for indigenous students and shaping a positive campus learning environment for all scholars to develop a deeper understanding of Alaska Native cultures.

Dr. Senungetuk is the daughter of Ron and Turid Senungetuk and granddaughter of Helen and Willie Senungetuk, who were originally from Wales (Kinigijin). Heidi grew up in Fairbanks, where her father founded the Native Art Center and was head of the Department of Art at the University of Alaska.

SHAREHOLDER RECOGNIZES 2018 YOUNG PROVIDERS AT ANNUAL MEETING

BSNC has announced the awardees of its 2018 Young Providers Award as Summer Sagoonick of Unalakleet honoring Irene Katchatag, and Edgar Kuzuguk of Shishmaref honoring Clarence Trigg. The Young Providers Award honors young people from the BSNC region who contribute on a daily basis to the health and well-being of their families, communities and culture. Sagoonick and Kuzuguk were recognized at the 2018 Annual Meeting of Shareholders on Oct. 6 in Anchorage, Alaska.

Summer Sagoonick is a subsistence hunter and gatherer who provides food for her family and Elders in her hometown of Unalakleet. This past winter and spring, Summer harvested her first caribou, ptarmigan, fox and spotted seal and provided each to Elders and neighbors in the Inupiaq tradition. Summer is an Alaska Youth for Environmental Action trainer and an Our Children’s Trust youth plaintiff. She works tirelessly to raise awareness of how climate change affects our region. Summer is a mentor to younger students, maintains excellent grades and is an accomplished athlete in cross-country running, volleyball, basketball and Native Youth Olympics.

Edgar Kuzuguk is a successful hunter who provides subsistence foods to his family and extended family. He learned the way of the land from his grandfather and passes on his knowledge of hunting to his younger brother. He lives an active lifestyle free of alcohol and drugs and participates in community activities. He also provides care for his great-grandmother.

Summer was recognized in honor of the late Irene Katchatag of Unalakleet. Irene worked as a homemaker, unpaid health aide and bilingual teacher for the Bering Straits School District. Irene was an active subsistence hunter and gatherer and was a vocal advocate of Alaska Native people.

Edgar was recognized in honor of the late Clarence Trigg of Nome. Clarence was a family man and operating engineer. Upon his retirement, he was an active community member and subsistence hunter who generously shared what he harvested with the community.

SHAREHOLDER SPOTLIGHT: SUSAN BENITEZ

BSNC shareholder Susan Benitez graduated this spring as student government association president from Bunker Hill Community College in Boston with two associate degrees in business and liberal arts. Benitez is a U.S. military veteran and has been accepted to Stanford University where she will study science, technology, and society.

She was honored by the Massachusetts Community Colleges Executive Office, along with 33 other students, for being the highest academic achievers of the community college system. The student awardees were presented with medallions and certificates for being named to Phi Theta Kappa’s All-Massachusetts Academic Team. Congratulations, Susan!
BSNC News

Eagle Eye Completes Demolition Project in Diomede

BSNC subsidiary Eagle Eye Electric, LLC (Eagle Eye) recently completed a demolition and cleanup project in Diomede for the State of Alaska Department of Military and Veterans Affairs. The project included demolition of the Alaska Army National Guard Federal Scout Readiness Center Armory. Constructed in 1960 when the Cold War was in full swing, the armory was the only site in the U.S. to have direct visibility and contact with the Soviet Union. Diomede was one of the many strategic points in Alaska along the Arctic border that separated the Soviet Union from the U.S.

During the winter of 2008-2009, the armory fell victim to its surroundings when heavy loads of snow sloughed off adjacent buildings onto the roof, causing it to partially collapse. The armory was determined to be eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places but due to the damage, it was determined that the property no longer retained the structural integrity sufficient to convey its historical significance. Eagle Eye successfully demolished, transported and disposed of armory materials, including debris and hazardous substances.

In addition to demolishing the armory, Eagle Eye removed a barge load of garbage, debris and scrap steel for the City of Diomede. Refuse from the island had not been removed since 2009 when a fall storm washed away the barge landing and access to the dump. Some of the items removed by Eagle Eye had been there for more than 20 years.

Diomede, on the island of Little Diomede (Iŋaliq), sits in the middle of the Bering Strait and is less than three miles from the international dateline and the Russian island of Big Diomede. The project was managed by BSNC shareholder and Eagle Eye Business Development Manager Cliff Johnson. Eagle Eye hired 14 BSNC shareholders, representing 100 percent shareholder hire for the project work in Diomede. BSNC thanks the residents of Diomede for their hospitality and assistance with completing the project.

BSNC Shareholder Promoted to Jr. Proposals Manager

BSNC is pleased to announce that BSNC shareholder Christian Leckband has been promoted from Proposals Coordinator to Jr. Proposals Manager. Leckband, who grew up in Nome, interned in the Business Development Department during the 2016 Summer Internship Program. He began working for BSNC after graduating in May 2016 from the University of Alaska Anchorage with dual bachelor’s degrees in business management and business marketing.

Christian manages and produces proposals and responses to requests from government entities such as the U.S. Army, Navy and Air Force. As a Jr. Proposal Manager, Christian’s duties will expand in capacity while working with these various entities. Congratulations, Christian!

BSNC Interns Raise More Than $50,000 for BSF

This year, BSNC’s summer interns helped plan and host the Bering Straits Foundation (BSF) Art Auction that was held on July 17 at the Petroleum Club in Anchorage. Thanks to the many donors, the auction reached its goal of raising $50,000 to benefit BSF’s scholarship programs. BSNC and BSF sincerely thank the donors and artists who donated their beautiful artwork, those who purchased art and those who made financial contributions. BSNC also expresses a special thanks to the Rasmuson Foundation for their donation of $5,000, Tom and Cindy Massie for their $20,000 donation, and an anonymous employee donor for their $5,000 donation.

With the very generous support of individuals like you and community organizations, BSF is able to help BSNC shareholders and descendants who seek to further their educational and vocational goals. Your investment is more than a commitment to BSF – it is an affirmation of your connection to, and support of, BSNC’s current and future generations of students who are making positive strides in their lives and positive impacts in our communities.

Your support helps positively impact the lives of BSF recipients such as Isabel Yamat, a BSF recipient who participated in the BSNC Summer Internship program and was promoted to Assistant Facilities Security Officer: “I am grateful for the support Bering Straits Foundation gave me while I pursued my degree. I was a first-generation college student, and with their support I was able to obtain my degree. The support and assistance they dedicate to Bering Straits shareholders and descendants is truly admirable and uplifting.”

If you would like to make a tax-deductible donation to BSF, please visit www.beringstraits.com/foundation/donate/.

Old refuse from the island is removed.

The open space is where the armory once sat.

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SHAREHOLDER LISA ANAYA EARN PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATION

BSNC congratulates shareholder employee Lisa Anaya on receiving Basics of Government Contracting and Federal Acquisition Regulation Workshop certificates. Obtaining these certificates, along with her past experience with contracts, allows her to test for the Certified Federal Contract Manager Certification.

Anaya has 26 years of experience in the oil industry as a business analyst. She was hired in October 2016 as a Contract Assistant and was recently promoted to Contracts Specialist. She supports the department by performing contract administration for a large subsidiary.

“I am so excited about the opportunity to learn and become an expert in my field,” said Anaya. “I am more excited to know that each certificate earned is going to benefit the amazing corporation which I belong to by providing me with the necessary tools to be the best-in-field. Thank you, BSNC for providing a program for individuals such as myself and allowing me to be a part of a picture larger than myself.”

SHAREHOLDER CINDY MASSIE HONORED AT AFN

BSNC shareholder Cindy Massie and her husband Tom were awarded the Alaska Federation of Natives Small Business Award for their generous philanthropic efforts advancing causes in Alaska.

Tom and Cindy met in Nome, Alaska where Tom was working. Cindy was working construction as a flagger. From the day Tom spotted Cindy flagging, he never wanted to just drive by her again! The couple had humble beginnings in Fallbrook, Calif. where they started a television show in the garage with Tom’s father, George. Eventually the show became so popular that they decided to purchase their own channel and named it “The Outdoor Channel.” The channel expanded its programs, became known worldwide and was subsequently sold.

In time, Tom and Cindy created The Tom and Cindy Massie Foundation. Through this foundation, the Massies have generously supported the Bering Straits Foundation and many Alaska nonprofits and organizations, including the Covenant Youth of Alaska, the UAA Music program, Nome Fine Arts Club, and the Unalakleet Elders Assisted Living Facility. When presenting scholarships to Unalakleet’s Music program, Nome Fine Arts Club, and the Unalakleet Elders and organizations, including the Covenant Youth of Alaska, the UAA Music program, Nome Fine Arts Club, and the Unalakleet Elders Assisted Living Facility. When presenting scholarships to Unalakleet’s Music program, Nome Fine Arts Club, and the Unalakleet Elders

BSNC AWARDED COMMUNITY CHAMPION OF THE YEAR AWARD

BSNC is pleased to announce that it has been selected as the Arctic Indigenous Investment Conference’s (AIIC) Community Champion of the Year for the Alaska region. This award honors a business, nongovernmental organization, development corporation or a company with aboriginal partnerships that has demonstrated a significant commitment to community enhancement. The award was presented at the 2nd annual AIIC conference in August in Yellowknife, NWT. AIIC is hosted by the Yukon First Nation Chamber of Commerce and highlights and promotes First Nation Aboriginal Development Corporations and Aboriginal businesses in all sectors of northern economy, alongside the North’s business community in strategic industries and sectors, including technology, innovation, finance, investment and natural resources. Other awards presented are the Top Aboriginal Business of the Year and Aboriginal Youth Entrepreneur of the Year.
SHAREHOLDER PHOTO CONTEST HIGHLIGHTS

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2018 PHOTO CONTEST WINNERS

BSNC thanks everyone who submitted photos for our sixth annual photo contest. The grand prize winner is shareholder Fred Sagooonic, who submitted a photo of a beautiful scenic view from the Shaktolik Foothills overlooking Norton Sound, Beeson Slough, Besboro Island and Cape Denbigh.

BSNC understands the cultural and economic importance of ivory carving to its shareholders and families and included a new category in BSNC’s 2018 Photo Contest – Ivory Carving! Photos entered into this category included walrus, mammoth and mastodon ivory carvings, the process of carving ivory and/or an ivory carver. To view more of the winning photos, check out BSNC’s Facebook page.

Ivory Carving
2nd Dawson Evans, “Eagle by Anningayou”
3rd Haryn Andrew, “Graduation Bracelets”

Cultural Activities
1st Tanya Ablowauk, “Mary’s Igloo Traditional Council Cultural Campers”
2nd Annemiek Analoak, “Cheyenne Simpson in Nome, Alaska during the 2016 Summer Solstice”
3rd Brianne Gologergen, “Unity”

Historical
1st Rachel Goodall, “1949 Cape Espenberg”
2nd Leann Richards, “White Mountain Girls Dorm 1952”
3rd Aidan Osborne, “Old Bluff Gold Mine”

Scenery and Landscape
1st Melissa Siwooko, “Gambell, Alaska”
2nd Allison Ivanoff, “Unalakleet Windmills”
3rd Fisher Dill, “Fireweed Across the River”

Subsistence Activities
1st Brianne Gologergen, “Start Them Young”
2nd Fisher Dill, “Winter Crabbing”
3rd Curtis Ivanoff, “Buoy”

Village Life
1st Fisher Dill, “Mother and Son Roaming the Tundra”
2nd Kirstie Ione, “Hudson Enjoying Village Life On A Homemade Sled”
3rd Jennifer Kameroff, “Eskimo Bowling”

U.S. ARMY TO REPATRIATE REMAINS OF STUDENTS WHO DIED AT BOARDING SCHOOL

The U.S. Army will repatriate remains of young students buried at the Carlisle Indian Industrial School in Pennsylvania. The school’s mission was to remove children from their culture and assimilate them into mainstream American culture. The boarding school operated between 1879 and 1918. More than 10,000 Native American children were required upon arrival to have their braids cut off and dress in military-style uniforms in an effort to stamp out their heritage. Students were punished for speaking their native language and were given new names.

The remains of many Alaskan and Inuit students have not been claimed:

Lucy Spalding, died March 25, 1905
Mabel Stock, died Aug. 16, 1904
Tomiochok (last name unknown), died April 8, 1900
Pariscia Frendoff, died April 29, 1900
Cooking Look, died Jan. 4, 1904
Fred Harris, died June 9, 1890
Helen Fratias, died Dec. 14, 1903
Anastasia Achiwak, died June 20, 1904
Edward Angelook, died Sept. 24, 1905

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IN MEMORIAM: SHAREHOLDER JUNE DEGNAN

BSNC mourns the passing of shareholder June Degnan who served on BSNC’s Board of Directors from 1985-1989. June passed away on July 9.

Born in 1937 and raised in Unalakleet, June was the daughter of Ada and Frank Degnan. June earned a Master of Arts in Library and Information Science with Phi Kappa Phi Honors from the University of South Florida and a Bachelor of Science in Psychology cum laude. She has held professional positions as a land manager, planner, teacher, archivist, librarian and historian.

In 2017, June was a recipient of the First Lady’s Volunteer of the Year Award in recognition for her service as the founding president of Haven House Juneau (HHJ), a transitional home for women exiting incarceration. She presided over the HHJ board since its inception in 2007 and demonstrated exceptional dedication, leaving her paid employment to nurture HHJ into an entity that has successfully helped countless women make healthy changes in their lives as they transition out of confinement. Since the 1960s, June fought for Alaska Native rights, for women’s rights, for equal opportunity and social justice.

IN MEMORIAM: SHAREHOLDER LELA KIANA OMAN

BSNC shareholder Lela Kiana Oman passed away peacefully surrounded by loving family members on Monday, July 9. Lela was BSNC’s oldest shareholder at 102 and a half years of age.

Lela was born in 1915 in Noorvik, Alaska. She moved to Nome as a young girl and resided there for the remainder of her life. She devoted her life to preserving traditional Inupiaq stories and passing on Inupiaq traditions. She has published a number of books of Native stories, including: Eskimo Legends (1968, Nome Press) and The Epic of Qayaq: The Longest Story Ever Told By My People (1995, Carleton University Press).

LONNY PISCOYA AWARDED GLENN GODFREY LAW ENFORCEMENT AWARD

The Alaska Federation of Natives awarded BSNC shareholder Lieutenant Lonny Piscoya the Glenn Godfrey Law Enforcement Award. Lieutenant Piscoya’s law enforcement career has spanned nearly 25 years and during that time he has served Alaska and its communities from the Southeast panhandle to the Northern Interior. The knowledge he gained growing up in rural Alaska on the land, rivers and ice surrounding Nome has served him well in his search and rescue assignments. His family and cultural background, which emphasizes cooperation, compassion, humility, and community service, has shaped and guided his development as a public safety officer.

While serving in Ketchikan, he was awarded the Department of Public Safety Purple Heart for injuries he received in the line of duty. During an arrest in 2001, his leg was fractured, yet he still managed to subdue the suspect until backup arrived. In 2005, he was awarded the Police Unit Commendation from the Ketchikan Police Department. His service with the Fairbanks Post began in 2005 when he was promoted to Lieutenant, Deputy Detachment Commander. He served as Team Leader for the Special Emergency Reaction Team from 2005 to 2011. In 2010, he was chosen to become the Rural Unit Supervisor and Supervisor of the Judicial Service Unit and Bureau of Highway Patrol Unit, an assignment that oversaw the Alaska State Troopers across much of interior Alaska. He also served as the Detachment Search and Rescue Coordinator. In 2018, he was selected as Fairbanks District Attorney’s Officer of the Year.

Piscoya was born in Nome, Alaska to Carol and Roy Piscoya. He was raised in Nome and has seven siblings. He and his wife Bridget, who have been married for 24 years, have six children. He is a member of Rotary International and serves on the Board of Directors for the Midnight Sun Boy Scout Council in Fairbanks.
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Other students whose remains have not been claimed and whose heritage is unknown includes:

Wallace Derryman, died July 11, 1910
Hanna Dechizen, died May 4, 1889
Laublock (last name unknown), died April 15, 1899
Elliot (last name unknown), died May 21, 1899
Titus Deenhed, died Nov. 17, 1886
Paul Wheelock, died May 14, 1900
Leah Road Troller, date of death unknown

BSNC requests that anyone with possible information about these individuals, their families or their community of origin to contact the U.S. Army at the address listed below and BSNC at Media@beringstraits.com. BSNC will assist in coordination with the proper tribal authorities.

The US Army has extended invitations to consult on this issue to all Federally-recognized tribes. Because the historical records are so incomplete, Army cannot determine all the tribes represented within the Carlisle Cemetery. If you believe you have an ancestral family member buried at Carlisle and would like to consult on having their remains relocated to a cemetery of your choice, please contact:

Mike Black, Director
Bureau of Indian Affairs
MB 4636 MS
1849 C Street, NW
Washington, DC 20240

Or: Army National Military Cemeteries
1 Memorial Drive
Arlington, VA 22211

For more information, please contact Brent Lirette at (907) 562-2136 or brent.lirette@chouest.com.

BSNC OFFERS SCHOLARSHIP FOR MARITIME CAREER

BSNC is offering qualified shareholders and descendants a one-time scholarship for up to $2,000 for a career opportunity with Edison Chouest Offshore (ECO). The scholarship will help hired candidates obtain prerequisite TWIC and U.S. Coast Guard Merchant Mariners certificates, and pay for air travel to ECO’s training facility in Louisiana.

Once hired, training starts immediately. Classroom training is two weeks, followed by three months of on-the-job training in the Gulf of Mexico. Whether you are an entry-level candidate or an experienced mariner, each candidate will have an individual development plan to work toward higher U.S. Coast Guard licenses and higher pay.

ECO training including:
• STCW Basic Training
• Basic Marine Safety Training
• Environmental Awareness Training
• Vessel Security Training
• Marine Rigging Training
• On-the-job training onboard a vessel while acquiring sea time and working towards advancement

ECO’s state-of-the-art training center is one of the most advanced in the world. Staffed by U.S. Coast Guard-Certified Instructors, the ECO training staff will provide Alaska Native hires with the training and qualifications needed to build a successful career in the maritime industry.

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